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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Chairman

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission is currently reviewing the application of Global Crossing for sale to a Chinese company. I am concerned that there would be national security consequences from the sale. I ask the Commission to consider these issues very carefully, and I hope that you will seriously consider the important information provided to you by the Department of Defense and the Federal Bureau of Investigation analyzing the sale.

As you know, Global Crossing provides integrated telecommunications services over extensive, global, fiber-optic networks. Those networks are estimated to control over 15 percent of the fiber-optic network connecting the U.S. with Europe, 23 percent of the network with Asia, and 25 percent with South America.

Global Crossing has licenses which could be transferred to a company, Hutchison Wampoa, that is majority owned by Chinese interests. As proposed, Hutchison Wampoa would own 65 percent of Global Crossing if the sale is approved by your Commission. Because Global Crossing holds contracts over secure Defense Department communications, I believe a sale to any company which is majority controlled by a non-U.S. company is inadvisable.

My best regards

Sincerely,



Mark Dayton
United States Senator

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